

# SAFETY MATTERS

## President's Message

It's hard to believe we are approaching the end of another wonderful year. If you haven't been active in the OKC ASSE chapter meetings and activities there is still time. We had a great turnout at our annual Clay Shoot with over 80 in attendance. This is a fantastic opportunity to network, provide a team building opportunity as well as raise funds for our student scholarships. Be sure to put it on your calendar for next year.

Mark your calendar for our next chapter meeting being held on December 14<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the Moore Norman Technology Center South Penn. Campus. David Bates will be our guest speaker and will give us an update on OSHA activities and initiatives. This is also the time for our annual Toys for Tots drive. The objective of the Marine Corps. Toys for Tots program is to help less fortunate children experience the joy of Christmas. Please bring an unwrapped toy to our meeting if you are able. Over 97% of donations goes to their mission of providing toys, books and other gifts to less fortunate children. Less than 3% is spent on fundraising and overhead.

As we approach the end of the year, I hope you were able to make an impact in your company to protect people, property and your work environment. When you are tasked with a new project, planning that project is similar to buying a car. You look at your current vehicle and ask yourself, "What do I like about this car, what do I dislike about this car, what options are available to me and How do I improve performance"? As you approach your project be sure to approach it with decisiveness and enthusiasm.

**Decisiveness:** The ability to recognize key factors and finalize difficult decisions.

**Enthusiasm:** Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort.

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# 2017 Sporting Clay Event

Thank you to all that attended or sponsored this year's Sporting Clay Event. This year marked our eighth year of fun! Would like to give a special thank you to all our sponsors, making this year our most lucrative year ever!



*(From left to right Kevin Schwartz, Adam Engel, Kent Edwards, and Wayne Schwartz first place winners and Top shooter, Dave Edingfield with Ritz Safety cooking the delicious fish, and Charles Hightower (bottom left picture) our clay conservationist this year!)*



## Stay Connected to ASSE-OKC

ASSE—OKC is all over the place. Click on the logos below to join our Facebook group, follow us on Twitter, link up on LinkedIn, and subscribe to our YouTube channel.



Visit our website for job postings, newsletters, member referral, meeting notices, forms, and much

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## ASSE-OKC

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Do you want to be apart of the executive Committee? Do you want to give input on our meetings and outings? We want you to help!!!

Please contact on or the executive committee or come to a meeting and let us know. We always have something that needs you attention. Our chapter is only as good as you make it!

As a safety professional, you have the authority and obligation to make a difference in the lives of each team member you work with. When you love what you do and have a passion to improve the wellbeing of your employees, it's not work, it's a way of life.

Be sure to come to our December chapter meeting. Good food and great networking!  
I wish you the best this Holiday Season!

Thank you,  
Paul Turner

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## It's Official: ASSE to Become American Society of Safety Professionals

Following the outcome of a historic membership vote, ASSE will become the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) next year when it launches a redesigned website in conjunction with [Safety 2018](#). ASSE's logo will undergo small adjustments to reflect the new ASSP acronym as well.

Over a 45-day period that ended Aug. 13, ASSE members cast votes on the proposed name, which was approved by the House of Delegates during its annual meeting in June. The final tally found 74% of members (3,651) in favor of the change. Fourteen percent of eligible members cast ballots, surpassing the minimum voting requirement of 1%.

"Our members have clearly voiced that the American Society of Safety Professionals better reflects our diverse membership," says ASSE President Jim Smith, M.S., CSP. "Engineers made up our entire membership when we were formed, but today the occupational safety and health profession encompasses many disciplines."

Research conducted in 2016 with ASSE members, customers and stakeholders across the globe indicated that an updated brand with a clearer vision would better reflect the organization's current membership and position it for growth. The study also found that a new name would help eliminate confusion about who could join the Society.

"Our members have always decided who we are and what we're all about," Smith said. "This latest vote was part of an objective process that has made us a strong organization for more than 100 years."

ASSE's logo will undergo small adjustments that correspond with its name change. The green shield will continue to display the organization's acronym in gold letters within the four angles of a gold cross, but the "E" will be changed to "P."

The organization will continue to be called ASSE until early June 2018 when it debuts a new website and makes



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## What's Going on in ASSE-OKC!

Check out our website at [okc.asse.org](http://okc.asse.org) for more details

Date	Topic	Location	Lunch
10/12	Member Meeting: Larry Hansen	MTTC—Penn Campus	Dutch
10/17	UCO Student Burger Bash	UCO	Provided
11/2	Joint Meeting	Stillwater	Provided
11/3	Clay Shoot	Quail Ridge Sporting Clay	Provided
12/14	Member Meeting : David Bates and Toys for Tots	MNTC—Penn Campus	Dutch
1/11	Member Meeting: Robert Williams, Noble Foundation	FTTC Rockwell	Dutch

Social media is what you make of it. There's no right or wrong approach. You can use it to engage with events, follow the latest news in your industry, or hold conversations. Overall, it's a great way to connect with the safety industry at large. ASSE wants to encourage a robust dialogue about safety and the profession on social media. The ASSE community is engaged mostly on Facebook, Twitter and LinkedIn—but if you like Instagram and Snapchat, use those too!

### Best Practices

#### It's about relationships!

Social media is ultimately about making connections and interacting. You can get started by following the ASSE Facebook page, Twitter account or the LinkedIn showcase page.

Worry less about making sure you are sharing the right thing; instead, consider what you might find valuable. Most of the time you'll be right.

If you see people tweeting about an event that you're in, see if you can meet up with them and share your thoughts. This is a great networking opportunity! You can engage with speakers online as well as in person. It's a great way to join and foster community.

#### #Hashtags

Hashtags are used to track topics and events across platforms. Twitter is the best place to use them. For example, you can follow Safety 2017 at #Safety 2017. The conversation about #Safety 2017 has already begun. Hashtags are a great tool, but **#don't #overuse #them, #because #it's #silly.**



December 14th meeting will be our annual Toys for Tots donation meeting. Remember to bring a new, unwrapped toy to the meeting! Accurate Safety will be sponsoring the lunch for the December meeting. For more information for the meeting please contact Mark Huddleston (405) 538-9211. For more information on Toy for Tots please contact [www.toysfortots.org](http://www.toysfortots.org).



## **Welcome!**

We welcome the following transferring members to the OKC chapter

**William Crillo**  
**Brandon Ledington**

## U.S. Department of Labor’s OSHA Extends Compliance Date for Electronically Submitting Injury, Illness Reports to December 15, 2017

**WASHINGTON, DC** – To allow affected employers additional time to become familiar with a new electronic reporting system launched on August 1, 2017, the U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) has extended the date by which employers must electronically report injury and illness data through the [Injury Tracking Application \(ITA\)](#) to December 15, 2017.

OSHA’s final rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses sets December 15, 2017, as the date for compliance (a two-week extension from the December 1, 2017, compliance date in the proposed rule). The rule requires certain employers to electronically submit injury and illness information they are already required to keep under existing OSHA regulations.

Unless an employer is under federal jurisdiction, the following OSHA-approved State Plans have not yet adopted the requirement to submit injury and illness reports electronically: California, Maryland, Minnesota, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. Establishments in these states are not currently required to submit their summary data through the ITA. Similarly, state and local government establishments in Illinois, Maine, New Jersey, and New York are not currently required to submit their data through the ITA.

OSHA is currently reviewing the other provisions of its final rule to Improve Tracking of Workplace Injuries and Illnesses, and intends to publish a notice of proposed rulemaking to reconsider, revise, or remove portions of that rule in 2018.

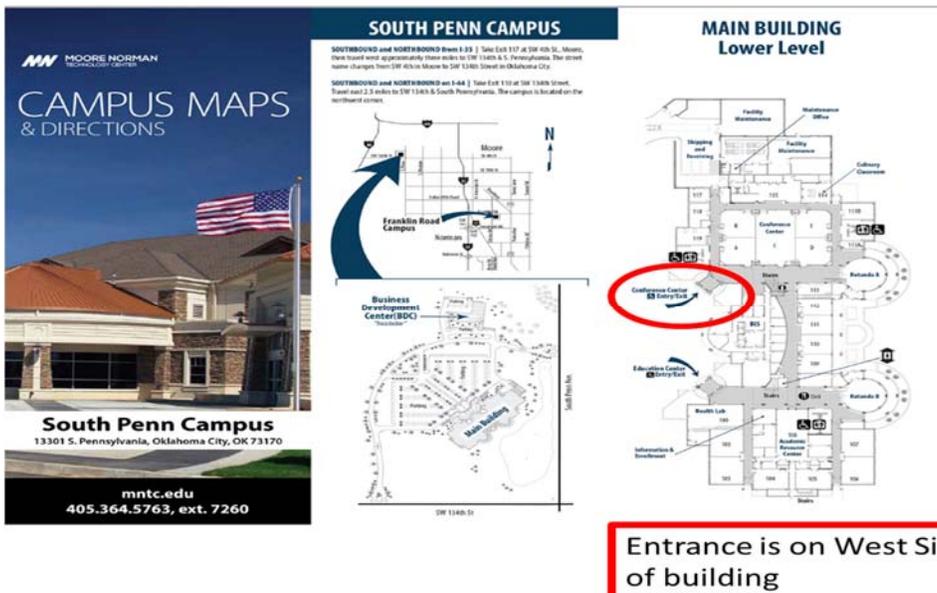
Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, employers are responsible for providing safe and healthful workplaces for their employees. OSHA’s role is to ensure these conditions for America’s working men and women by setting and enforcing standards, and providing training, education and assistance. For more information, visit [www.osha.gov](http://www.osha.gov).

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